



NAME: **CAPT Robert M. Taylor**

JOB TITLE: **Senior Program Management  
Officer Consultant**

AGENCY: **Health Resources and Services  
Administration**

**EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:**

CAPT Taylor completed his Bachelor of Science with a Chemistry Major in 1976 at the Howard University College of Liberal Arts in Washington D.C. He participated in the Student Externship Program with the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland in 1977. In 1979, CAPT Taylor earned a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Howard University and completed a two-year Pharmacy Cooperative Fellowship with the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Washington D.C.

CAPT Taylor has attained licensure in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. In 1991, he was awarded with an American Management Association Management Certification for the College of Business at Howard University. He is also completing hours towards a Masters of Science in Business Administration and Human Resource Management Studies at Strayer College in Washington D.C.

**CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:**

CAPT Taylor's current position is with the Office of the Administrator in the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (OMHHD) for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). He serves as a senior medical advisor to the Chief Medical Officer for HRSA. He is frequently found at National meetings representing HRSA and the Chief Medical Officer. CAPT Taylor serves as the Executive Officer for OMHHD, which makes him responsible for administrative and budget issues involving OMHHD or grants associated with OMHHD.

CAPT Taylor holds the position of Executive Secretary for the Department's Medical Claims Review Panel. This panel reviews all medical related Federal tort claims brought against the Department for malpractice within the component Operating Divisions including, HRSA, IHS, and NIH.

**QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:**

CAPT Taylor's career has been one of service and leadership. He is an example of professional development by furthering his education with advanced degrees and certificates. He has displayed his leadership through his participation on National level for the United States Public Health Service. His previous assignments have provided him administrative and leadership skills to serve in his current position. His career is an excellent model of career progression for other USPHS officers.

**REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:**

During his last year in pharmacy school, CAPT Taylor met with a classmate's mother who happened to be the secretary for Charlie Littlejohn. She informed them that the USPHS was the profession for them and presented them with a cold beer and an application to complete. CAPT Taylor soon found himself in working in Washington D.C.

**Previous USPHS Assignments:**

In July 1979, CAPT Taylor began his career as a staff pharmacist in the Ambulatory Care Unit at the St. Elizabeth's Hospital with the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration. He was promoted to Special Assistant to the Chief Pharmacist at this facility in December 1986. While in this position, CAPT Taylor coordinated pharmacy program activities and policies for the transfer of the facility to the District of Columbia from the Federal Government system. In March 1988, CAPT Taylor was promoted to the Supervisory Pharmacist. He supervised a pharmacy staff with a workload of 700 prescriptions daily. He was also responsible for a \$4.7 million inventory and pharmaceutical information and safety issues for the hospital staff.

CAPT Taylor transferred to the Food and Drug Administration in October 1988. He worked as a Pharmacist/Technical Information Specialist in the Neuro-pharmacological Products Division of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. He was responsible for the extraction and incorporation of drug information in Drug Applications submitted to the FDA Center for Drug Evaluation. He was a liaison for the review divisions to the medical doctors, pharmaceutical chemists, pharmacologist and pharmacist within and outside the Agency. CAPT Taylor moved to the Health Resources and Services Administration in April 1990 as a Public Health Program Analyst for the Bureau of Health Care Delivery and Assistance. He was the principle advisor to the Chief, Federal Programs Branch for the activities of USPHS supported agencies and was the liaison to the PHS supported agencies with the Commissioned Corps Personnel Operations.

In September 1990, CAPT Taylor became the Deputy Branch Chief for the Transactions and Applications Branch of the Division of Commissioned Personnel. In this capacity, he oversaw calls to active duty, personnel order amendments, and extensions. He was the branch liaison to the Chief Professional Officers and Professional Advisory Committee chairs. CAPT Taylor took a position as the Senior Personnel Management Specialist in the Officer Development Branch in October 1996 where he managed the PHS Commissioned Corps Personnel System for Dental, Medical, and Pharmacy categories. He also coordinated PHS Commissioned Corps Officers' Association and Reserve Officers' Association annual meetings. He became the Section Chief of this Department in November 1998. This position involved supervising a staff that provided staffing services to the commissioned corps and student programs, coordinated career counseling for commissioned officers, and acted as Administrative Officer and DCP liaison to the Office of Emergency Preparedness activities. CAPT Taylor moved within this branch in October 1999 to be the Special Assignment/Detail Project Officer. He continued with the duties of Section Chief but also served as the primary officer for Special Assignments and Details of Commissioned Officers. He coordinated activities that involved the negotiations of agreements between the PHS and non-PHS agencies for special assignments and reimbursement plans for commissioned officers.

In June 2002, CAPT Taylor transferred to the Health Resources and Services Administration as the Senior Program Management Officer Consultant of the Center for

Quality in the HIV/AIDS Bureau. He acted as a senior policy and medical advisor to the HRSA Chief Medical Officer and as the pharmacy consultant to the PHS Claims Office and HIV/AIDS Bureau on health care and pharmaceutical quality issues. CAPT Taylor began acting as the Executive Secretary for the Departments Medical Claims Review Panel, a duty he continues in his current position

**MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

This question was hard for CAPT Taylor to answer. He fulfilled many duties during his career and it was hard to decide on one that was most rewarding. He recalled working in personnel fondly. Though it was often difficult he enjoyed seeing the impact he made.

**Other Professional Interests/Activities:**

CAPT Taylor was a member of the Pharmacy Category Professional Advisory Committee in 1987 & 1988. He is currently a member of FDA Society of Pharmacists, American Pharmaceutical Association, American Military Surgeons of the United States, American Society for Health Systems Pharmacists, Reserved Officers Association, and the USPHS Commissioned Officers' Association.

**Special Notes of Interest:**

CAPT Taylor has been awarded numerous awards and certificates of appreciation for his service to the USPHS. His life outside of USPHS is as interesting as his career: he was a golden glove boxer in his teens; he loves to cook and watch sports; he describes himself as eclectic; and finds time to work alongside his brother helping wayward youths. When asked what advice he would give to new officers, he replied that they should get involved in a finance class in order to reap the full benefits of the career they have chosen.